

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs
March 3, 2009, 3:30 p.m.
K-State Student Union, Room 204

Present: Carroll, Charney, Chengappa, Devore, Garcia, Hendrix, King, Rintoul, Rogers, Turvey-Welch

Absent: Huschka, Staggenborg, Sump

Visitors: Elizabeth Dodd, Fred Fairchild, and Monty Nielsen

1. Doris Carroll, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. The February 17, 2009 minutes were approved as submitted
3. Course and Curriculum Changes –
 - A. General Education

1. A motion was made by Charney and seconded by Rogers to approve the following course addition as approved by the College of Architecture, Planning and Design and the UGE Council:

Add:

◆IAPD 300 Design and Material Culture

Motion carried.

2. The following courses were approved by the UGE Council for continued UGE status (informational item):

AGEC 525	Natural Resource & Environmental Economics
BIOL 198	Principles of Biology
BUS 252	Managerial Accounting
CHM 110	General Chemistry
CHM 210	Chemistry I
DEN 210	History of Building and Construction
ECON 120	Principles of Microeconomics
ENGL 390	Fable and Fantasy
ENGL 420	Topics in Film
FREN 516	Readings in French
GEOG 100	World Regional Geography
GEOL 103	Geology Lab
GEOL 115	Environmental Geology
GEOL 506	Geology and Environment
GNHE 310	Human Needs
HIST 591	The Russian Empire
MSCI 591	Self/Team Developments
PHILO 297	Honors Introduction to the Humanities I
PHYS 106	Concepts of Physics
POLSC 333	World Politics
THTRE 664	Creative Drama

4. Graduation list additions – A motion was made by Chengappa and seconded by Turvey-Welch to approve the following graduation list additions:

Julius Dominique Bell, Bachelor of Science, College of Arts and Sciences – August 2008

Emily B Wilson, Bachelor of Fine Arts, College of Arts and Sciences – December 2008

Sarah Anne Taylor, Bachelor of Science, College of Arts and Sciences – December 2008

Robert B. Landon, Bachelor of Science, College of Arts and Sciences – August 1973

Jessica Taphorn, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, College of Business Administration – December 2008

Motion carried.

5. Committee Reports

- A. Committee on Academic Policy and Procedures (CAPP) – Doris Carroll – No report.
- B. iSIS Steering Committee – David Rintoul - No report.
- C. University Library Committee – Scott Staggenborg – No report
- D. Student Senate – Andrew Huschka – No report

6. Old Business

The General Education Proposal will be presented next week at Faculty Senate for a first reading. Carroll asked for comment from committee members as to how to present. The Executive Committee approved the General Education proposal to be placed on the FS agenda for a first reading. We will also present our committee flow chart that addresses the issues regarding assessment and tagging. Carroll reported that for this meeting we will have approximately 20 minutes for discussion and questions on this first reading. Karen Myers-Bowman will be present to give a very brief outline of the proposal. Devore commented that he was unavailable to attend the executive committee on the 23rd, but he was very disappointed in the outcome of that meeting. Despite the language of previously approved Academic Affairs minutes, it was his understanding that the documentation was to go forward to be voted on as one item, not separate.

One concern that continues to be voiced is that Academic Affairs and Faculty Senate should be able to have a second look at the tagging and assessment prior to the proposal being fully implemented. Discussion between committee members and visitors was held regarding what the word “implementation” means as well as assessment. Implementation to the majority meant -- the date when the first set of freshmen students begin this program, or when it is effective. Planning is not the same thing as implementation.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the role of Faculty Senate in approving this proposal, including assessment and final list of tagged courses. There is great concern over the ripple effect of this program and there needs to be a way to track the progress of it. It was discussed that the proposal needs to be passed so that the tagging and assessment can start. However, there also needs to be the allowance for “mid-course corrections”.

It seems appropriate when the first reading is held at senate, the conversation should be separated out about the K-State 8 proposal first, and then the implementation plan, but it was felt by several that the proposal and plan should come together in one document.

It was suggested that possibly a narrative version of the implementation plan should be devised and submitted in place of the flow chart and included as part of the proposal. This was agreeable to committee members.

Rintoul made a motion to ask our chair to pull the proposal and implementation plan from the March Faculty Senate agenda and send it back to Academic Affairs for a clarification of the agenda items. Devore seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

7. For the good of the University

8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Next meeting: March 24, 2009; 3:30 p.m.; Union 206